

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Crossdressing Boys Assemblage (Page 17)

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1101058.000

Medium: Computer Image File Printout

Publisher: <http://g.e-hentai.org>

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Japanese

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 20 December 2011

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed objectionable because it tends to support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The printout is a single black and white page from a Japanese comic downloaded from a website. It depicts a teenage or adult woman performing a sexual act on a young boy. The images perpetuates the idea that sex involving a child is an acceptable subject for entertainment. The availability of such material tends to weaken the social taboos that protect children and young people from abuse and is likely to create or reinforce attitudes that lead to other forms of sexual exploitation.

The classification given to this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the right to freedom of expression and reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.